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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1992 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a joint statement by Dr. Franjo Tudman, President of the Republic of Croatia, and Mr. Alija Izetbegović, President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Prof. Dr. Zdenko ŠKRABALO
Minister

Annex

Joint statement made in Zagreb and Sarajevo on 15 June 1992 by Dr. Franjo Tudman, President of the Republic of Croatia, and Mr. Alija Izetbegović, President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudman, and the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegović, hereby express their wish to meet at the earliest convenience in order to talk about the current problems and future relations between the two sovereign and independent States. Both sides regret that in the current circumstances when the brutal aggression is being continued, especially in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, President Izetbegović is unable to leave Sarajevo. Hoping that they will be able to meet soon, the two Presidents have decided to issue the following statement.

JOINT STATEMENT

1. Since the Republic of Croatia has recognized the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has recognized the Republic of Croatia, both Presidents state that the diplomatic relations at the level of embassies should immediately be established.

2. The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is grateful to the Republic of Croatia for the humanitarian help and the reception and accommodation of the large number of refugees, citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who were forced to leave their centuries-old homes, fleeing from the inhuman and savage attacks of military forces of Serbia and Montenegro and the chetnik forces.

3. The Republic of Croatia supports the efforts of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the preservation of independence and its resistance to the aggression and is giving and will continue extending help to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in this respect. The Republic of Croatia also endorses the efforts of the legal Government and the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina in consolidating the defence of the Republic by joining all forms and components of armed resistance into the united armed forces under the command of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, constituted in the spirit of paragraph 4 below.

4. Both Presidents express their full agreement that a political solution for the relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina on the principle of parity of the three constituent nations has to be sought after the cessation of the war.

5. The President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudman, endorses the efforts of the international community aimed at the cessation of

aggression in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the request the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has directed to the international community for help and efficient action in order to prevent further aggression and bring the war operations to an end.

6. Both Presidents agree that the diplomatic-consular representations of both countries will extend, within their competence, all necessary help and services to the citizens of both countries in cases when their respective representations cannot offer that help. Acts committed within the framework of such mutual help will be recognized as valid by both countries.

PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Dr. Franjo Tudman

PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Alija Izetbegović